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Financial situation of the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women

Report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions

1. The Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions has considered the report of the Secretary-General on the financial situation of the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women (A/58/426). The report was submitted in response to General Assembly resolution 57/311 of 18 June 2003, in which the Assembly requested the Secretary-General to report further at its fifty-eighth session on the financial situation of the United Nations International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women (INSTRAW).

2. As indicated in the report, the level of expenditures realized for the period from 1 January to 30 September 2003 was lower than expected. This was due mainly to the fact that no Director of the Institute had yet been appointed and the resulting low level of activity (A/58/426, para. 7).

3. The Secretary-General indicated that currently available resources would allow continuation of operations of the Institute to the end of May 2004, albeit at a suboptimal level. In response to questions, representatives of the Secretary-General informed the Advisory Committee that they were not in a position to provide information on whether further funds were forthcoming.

4. **The Advisory Committee recommends that the General Assembly take note of the report of the Secretary-General. The Committee understands that the matter of INSTRAW is currently before the Third Committee. Should developments in that Committee result in the submission by the Secretary-General of a statement of programme budget implications, the Advisory Committee would revert to the matter at that time.**

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